

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure in a user equipment, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the method comprising:

receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

before the reconfiguration has been applied, detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and

suppressing the cell update depending on the relevance of the trigger event to the communications system after reconfiguration.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 43, comprising suppressing the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio link failure.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) User equipment for handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the user equipment comprising:

a receiver for receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of a reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

an event detector for detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required; and

a controller operable when the trigger event is detected before the reconfiguration has been applied for suppressing the cell update in dependence on the relevance of the trigger event to the communications systems after reconfiguration.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) User equipment according to claim ~~9~~8, wherein the controller is arranged to suppress the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio link failure.